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KUROPATKIN FORCED TO RETREAT TO TIE PASS

Advices Emperor that Position on Shakhe River is Menaced to Such Extent by Japanese Successes as to Necessitate Immediate Withdrawal of His Army.

DISASTER OF THE FIRST MAGNITUDE

Believed to be Inevitable if Contemplated Move is Undertaken.

RETREAT IN FACE OF ENEMY WHEN ARMIES ARE GRAPPLING IN GENERAL ENGAGEMENT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS BUT MAY BECOME NECESSARY.

TERRIFIC FIGHTING ON THE SHAKHE RIVER, ENGAGEMENT BEING IN PROGRESS ALONG THE WHOLE LINE--RUSSIAN PUBLIC BELIEVES THAT KUROPATKIN HAS BEEN DEFEATED.

By Associated Press.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—The Associated Press hears from a high source that General Kuropatkin considers his position on the Shakhe river to be menaced to such an extent by General Kuroki's success on the left flank as to necessitate the immediate withdrawal of his army to Tie Pass, and has so advised Emperor Nicholas.

No confirmation of this report is obtainable in military circles here, where it is pointed out that with the Japanese pressing the whole Russian line such operation must almost inevitably end in a disaster of the first magnitude.

RETREAT NOW WOULD BE DOUBLY DANGEROUS.

St. Petersburg, March 1.—2 a. m.—Last evening's news from Manchuria is of the most important nature. The effect of yesterday's development on General Kuropatkin's reported intention to withdraw from the Shakhe river is problematical as retreat in the face of the enemy, which is extremely hazardous under any circumstances, is doubly dangerous when the armies are grappling together in a general engagement, but if General Kuroki succeeds in rolling up the Russian left much further the perilous move may become necessary.

Kuropatkin's counter strokes on the right and center may possibly be intended to cover the withdrawing of trains and stores. If, however, General Kuropatkin is determined to stand and fight on the battle on the line which he has held all winter, and if he should be able to administer a vigorous check to General Kuroki, he has secured a position for his second move in good time.

TERRIFIC FIGHTING CLOSE TO MUKDEN.

Mukden, Feb. 28.—The Russians have seized the head of the bridge across the Shakhe river in the center of the Japanese, assisted by artillery firing of particular energy from Putiloff hill and Novgorod hill.

The determined attacks opposite Ansin-Tung were all repulsed with heavy loss.

Fighting has been in progress today along the whole line, the Japanese attacking everywhere.

All attacks this morning were beaten back, the Russians making counter attacks in many places. On the right flank the Russians occupied the village of Botatzai, which is close to Sandiapu and from that position hurled hand grenades across the interlocking line into the Japanese trenches at Sandiapu, causing heavy loss and great disorder.

Believe the Worst.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—The fragmentary official and press reports of the fresh reverse sustained by General Kuropatkin are inadequate to draw a conclusion of the magnitude of General Kuroki's successes against the Russian left, but the public, as usual, is ready to believe the worst, and the city is already full of reports that a big disaster has again overtaken the Russian army according to which Mukden has been outflanked and is withdrawing from his strong position on the Shakhe river. That such reports are exaggerated is beyond question, but although reticent and seeking to minimize operations of the last few days the officials of the war department are plainly discouraged at the fashion in which Kuroki is able to drive in and turn the Russian extreme left, his vanguard columns actually crossing the

SENSATIONAL CHARGES AGAINST THE MORMONS

Senator Kearns, of Utah, Says Church Controls Politics and Business of the State and Has Violated Compacts.

ARRAIGNMENT OF PRESIDENT SMITH

Who is Described as a Monarch Whose Power is Unlimited.

ONE-TENTH OF EVERY DOLLAR A MORMON EARNS FLOWS INTO THE COFFERS OF THIS REGAL PERSONAGE, WHO IS ACCOUNTABLE TO NO ONE—GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE ACTION.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The feature of the day in the senate was a speech by Mr. Kearns, of Utah, on the Mormon Church. He charged that the Mormon Church controls the politics and the business of Utah, but denied in emphatic tones that he paid Lorenzo Snow, then president of the church, for the support of himself for senator.

Mr. Kearns asserted that the Mormon Church has wilfully and frequently broken the compact made at the time of the admission of Utah, and that the apostle of the church has publicly protested against its violations. He described the surroundings and powers of President Smith, whom he said affects a regal state and has established himself with the dignity of a monarch with a royal income.

"One-tenth of all the annual earnings of the Mormons in all the world flow to him," said Mr. Kearns, "and these funds amount to one million, six hundred thousand dollars annually. It will astonish you to know that every dollar of United States money paid to any servant of the government who is a Mormon, is tithed for the benefit of this monarch. Out of every one thousand dollars thus paid he gets one hundred to swell his income. This is also true of money paid out of the treasury of Utah to Mormon officials. But what is worst of all this monarch dips into the sacred public school fund and extracts from every Mormon teacher one-tenth of his or her earnings and uses it for unaccounted purposes."

Mr. Kearns also said that no account was made to anyone of this immense secret fund which rules the politics and the business of Utah. He further said the government should, in emphatic terms, define its relations to this monarch.

STRIKERS RESUME PICKET DUTY

CHICAGO JUDGE HOLDS THAT THEY HAVE A RIGHT TO SPEAK TO NON-UNION EMPLOYEES.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Feb. 28.—An injunction issued by Judge Cavanaugh against picketing of the establishment and factories by striking garment workers has been so fixed that it was resumed around the plants today. Members of the union declare they have won a victory, and the action marks a change in the attitude of the courts in labor struggles. Men, women and girls will picket all factories where the walkout prevails and attempt by peaceful means to persuade non-union workers to quit work and join them.

Judge Cavanaugh decided the strikers should not be prevented from peacefully speaking to the non-union employees as long as there was no semblance of persecution.

BIRTHDAY PARTY IN HONOR OF MISS DUNHAM.

A most delightful event occurred last night at the home of Mrs. E. J. Dunham, when a birthday party in honor of her daughter, Miss Bertha, was given. There were a large number of young people present, who enjoyed themselves until a late hour. Delicious refreshments were served during the course of the evening. The decorations were in pink and were very beautifully arranged. Mrs. Dunham was assisted in receiving by Mrs. F. E. Commyns and Mrs. J. B. Landsburg.

Those present were Miss B. Dunham, Miss M. Wolf, Miss F. Wolf, Miss M. Fitzhugh, Miss L. Commyns, Miss M. Moody, Miss C. Wheat, Miss Lankey, Miss H. Griffin, Mr. J. Bergen, Mr. F. Commyns, Mr. V. Reilly, Mr. L. Borrass and Mr. C. Griffin.

RUSSIAN POLICE UNABLE TO COPE WITH TERRORISTS

Utter Impotency Shown by Increasing Boldness of Revolutionary Organization—Officials Under Terrific Strain.

ASHES FELL ON DECK OF STEAMER

FROM FLAMING CRATER OF NICARAGUAN VOLCANO THIRTY MILES AWAY.

By Associated Press.
San Francisco, Feb. 28.—For several hours on the night of January 19 a shower of black ashes fell on the decks of the Pacific mail steamer San Jose, off the coast of Nicaragua. At midnight the officer on watch made out the flaming torch of the volcano of Momotombo, thirty miles inland from Corinto, and fifty miles in a direct course from San Jose, and he understood that the fall of ashes came from the erupting mountain. For several hours the volcano and its flame were in sight. On the return trip when the San Jose called at Corinto, the facts about the eruption were learned. It is also learned that the destruction caused by the volcano's outburst, at first believed by the Nicaraguans to have been extensive, had been remarkably slight. Momotombo was then only smoking as of old.

TO INVESTIGATE CHURCH DISASTER

BROOKLYN AUTHORITIES WILL FIX RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCIDENT WHICH COST ELEVEN LIVES.

By Associated Press.
New York, Feb. 28.—A searching investigation was begun today by the county and borough authorities of Brooklyn to ascertain the cause of the collapse of the floor of the Fleet Street African Methodist Episcopal church, which occurred last night, when eleven persons were killed and more than a hundred injured. It was ascertained today that the cause of the collapse was the breaking of a heavy beam supporting the floor and running lengthwise of the church near the south wall. Under the weight of the great number of people gathered above it snapped square in two midway between the front and rear of the church. Coroner Fishery, of Brooklyn, today began his investigation and soon afterward declared that the disaster was due to gross negligence on the part of someone and asserted that it is his intention to fix the blame for it upon those guilty.

Three hundred persons were crowded into the pews and aisles of the church last evening to attend the funeral of Sidney Painter, when a section of the floor about forty feet square fell into the basement ten feet below which was used as a Sunday school room. Into that hole the throng of people fell until they filled it to the level of the floor ten feet above. Those underneath were crushed to death by the weight of those above. Eight of those killed were colored women and a similar large proportion of the injured became panic-stricken and a terrible scene ensued when their frantic efforts to escape from the building in the absolute darkness and clouds of dust from splintered flooring added to the horror of the disaster.

Two hundred of the funeral party, members of the Colored Order of Elks, who were assembled in the basement below the main floor of the church, were not under that portion of the floor which fell, and so escaped injury.

ESQUIMALT NAVAL STATION ABANDONED.

By Associated Press.
Victoria, B. C., Feb. 28.—Esquimalt naval station will be formally abandoned today, when Commodore Goodrich hauls down his flag. The Buena Ventura, the only remaining cruiser, will leave for the China station. Commodore Goodrich and his wife will return to England via the United States.

FEAR FLOOD WATERS WILL BREAK BIG DAM.

By Associated Press.
Denver, Feb. 28.—A telegram from Flagstaff, Ariz., says that the towns of Holbrook and St. Johns, situated in the Apache valley, have been almost completely deserted by their inhabitants who fear that the immense dam of the St. John's Reservoir Co. will break from the strain of the flood waters due to the almost incessant rains for two weeks past.

POST NOTICE OF DEATH OF SERGIUS

Grand Duchess Trying to Shield Husband's Life With Her Own.

LETTERS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF ROYAL FAMILY CAUSE GREAT UNEASINESS—VLADIMIR REFUSES TO SHOW COWARDICE IN FACE OF THREATS TO TAKE HIS LIFE.

By Associated Press.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—The utter impotency of the police in the face of the revolutionary organization is shown by the increasing boldness of the latter all over St. Petersburg. Even on the steps of the public buildings simple notices of Grand Duke Sergius's death were found. They read:

"The sentence of death passed upon Sergius Alexandrovitch was executed February 17.

"(Signed.) The Fighting Organization of the Socialist Party."

Moreover the notices were neatly printed, a thing unknown in the days of the late Interior Minister von Plehve, when similar notices were always run off on copying machines. The secret police were then too close on the heels of the terrorists to permit of the use of a printing press.

To Shield Duke's Life.
The Grand Duchess Maria Pavlovna, whose husband, the Grand Duke Vladimir, is high on the list of those condemned by death, is trying to shield his life with her own. Since Red Sunday the duke has not only been showered with threats and warnings, but has twice received from abroad formal letters signed by different groups informing him of his sentence of death and of the assignment of men to execute it.

At the same time the Grand Duchess Marie, like the Grand Duchess Elizabeth in the case of Grand Duke Sergius, was notified that her life and her sons' lives would be spared, and she was appealed to not to go abroad in her husband's company. The letters naturally terrified the family and house of the grand duke, who has aged greatly during the last few weeks under the strain of what he insists is the unjust criticism which placed the responsibility for the bloodshed of January 12 wholly on his shoulders.

A Complete Wreck.

Although the grand duke's health had been failing for over a year, he is now almost a complete wreck. For a time the entreaties of his family and the warnings of the police sufficed to keep him within the walls of the palace, but since the funeral of Grand Duke Sergius, Grand Duke Vladimir has shaken off restraint, declaring that he refuses to show cowardice, and not only drives out in a close carriage, but on Sunday walked for a short time up and down the quay in front of the winter palace.

Today Grand Duke Vladimir received a letter from one group which had previously warned him, saying his sentence was temporarily suspended, which is attributed to a more correct appraisal of his share in the events of January 22 or to general decision of the terrorists to give the autocracy a breathing spell and await the result of the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius. The latter coincides with the views of those acquainted with the methods of the terrorists.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS REDUCED ONE GRADE.

By Associated Press.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—Yielding to the demand of the United States, Russia has not only ordered the officers of the cruiser Lena, who violated their parole to return to San Francisco, but has reduced them one grade as punishment. The only excuse offered was their youth.

PROMINENT RAILROAD OFFICIAL SERIOUSLY ILL.

By Associated Press.
San Francisco, Feb. 28.—C. G. Warner, vice-president of the Missouri Pacific Railway, who came to California several weeks ago for his health, was taken seriously ill on Sunday and is now returning to St. Louis.

Typical Crew of a Sealing Vessel.



FUR SEAL BUTCHERS.

The fur seal question, which has furnished political and international issues for many years, is once more in evidence as the result of proposed legislation to authorize and empower the United States to abate and suppress many of the cruel practices in connection with the butchery of seals on the high seas. The accompanying picture shows a typical crew of a sealing vessel.

RECESS APPOINTMENTS NOT ACCORDING TO LAW

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE, BY ADOPTING VIEWS OF MR. SPOONER CONCERNING RECESS, THROWS LEGAL SHADOW UPON ACTION OF THE PRESIDENT.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 28.—The senate committee on judiciary today, by adopting the views of Senator Spooner concerning recess appointments and what constitutes a recess of the senate, has declared that there can be no constructive recess. The decision, if it were given legal standing by action of the senate, would effect the nominations of General Leonard Wood, Dr. W. B. Crum, Collector of the Port of Charleston, and 166 other nominations sent to the senate in the infinitely small period between the adjournment of the special session, convened Nov. 9, 1903, and the convening of the regular session on December 7, as the two sessions have been merged. All nominations were later confirmed, but the senate committee now decides that officeholders under recess appointment were not serving according to the authority of law during that time.

Immense Revolutionary Demonstration Planned

By Associated Press.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 28.—Next Saturday being the anniversary of the emancipation of the serfs rumors have been in circulation that the day has been settled upon for notable events of diverse nature. According to some of these rumors the workmen are planning an immense revolutionary demonstration, while according to

Swallowed False Teeth While Laughing Heartily

By Associated Press.
Cincinnati, Feb. 28.—Chas. H. Neidhaus, a New York sculptor, who has been visiting in this city, was given an X-ray examination today at the city hospital in order to locate his

false teeth which were dislodged by a hearty laugh and slipped past his jaw down his throat. The teeth interfered somewhat with the patient's breathing but the physicians say that no operation is necessary.

Ice Completely Destroys The Big Dyke at St. Louis

By Associated Press.
St. Louis, Feb. 28.—With the breaking of the ice gorge in the Mississippi river and the passing of the last of the big floes today from the local harbor, it was discovered that the

new government dyke, nine hundred feet long, had been completely demolished. The cost of the work was \$100,000. The protection dyke at the East St. Louis water works was also destroyed, causing a loss of \$15,000.

Shakhe river.

It is admitted that the fighting was desperate at several passes Sunday and Monday, while the front was being involved, the idea of Field Marshal Oyama evidently being to keep the center and right engaged and prevent Kuropatkin from sending reinforcements to head off Kuroki. Should Kuroki cross the Hun river, the high road to Tie Pass, forty miles north of Mukden, would be open, and Kuropatkin's retreat threatened.

Further news is awaited with great anxiety. Anything like a decisive Japanese victory now would probably end the war.

PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL TO RETURN BATTLE FLAGS.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 28.—President Roosevelt today signed the joint resolution providing for the return of battle flags captured during the civil war.

MRS. CHADWICK'S MOTION DENIED

INDICTMENTS RETURNED FEBRUARY 21 WILL STAND—WILL PROBABLY APPLY FOR CHANGE OF VENUE.

By Associated Press.
Cleveland, Feb. 28.—Judge Taylor of the United States Court today overruled the motion of Mrs. Chadwick's attorney that two of the indictments returned on February 21 be quashed. It is reported that Mrs. Chadwick will apply for a change of venue, believing she cannot secure a fair trial in Cleveland.

POLICE ARREST NUMBER OF NEGROES FOR THEFTS.

Marshal Schad and Special Officer Ray, accompanied by Deputy Sanders, last night arrested three parties, all colored, who are charged with having committed numerous thefts in Pensacola during the past few weeks. The negroes are John Smith, James Williams, and Katie Williams. Each has the charge of being dangerous and suspicious opposite their name at the police station.

During the last few weeks numerous robberies have occurred in Pensacola, and it is charged that this trio is responsible for most of them. The case will be investigated further this morning.

GALLERIES SHOULD BE BRACED FOR MARDI GRAS.

Marshal Schad, who is looking after the safety of the public, especially during the rush and jams that are likely to occur during the Mardi Gras celebration, stated last night that those having control of the various buildings with galleries, should brace the latter in order that they might stand the pressure and weight of the many sight seers who will crowd these places during the festivities, and especially during the time that the parades occur.

It has been the custom during the past few years for all business houses to brace the galleries to insure the safety of the occupants, and the marshal hopes that this safeguard will be carried out this year as usual.

JIU JITSU FAILED ON AMERICAN WRESTLER.

By Associated Press.
Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 28.—Jiu Jitsu proved inferior to American wrestling in a match between Eddie Robinson, a wrestler of local prominence, and Kadura Mitrayama, of San Francisco. Each man was allowed to use his own style of wrestling with Robinson twice put the Jap down with comparative ease, using a half Nelson hold in each instance. The first fall was accomplished in three minutes and eleven seconds, the second in two minutes and ten seconds.